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AIR/DD COVERAGE IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total coverage of Radio and Doordarshan in Karnataka as on date;

(b) the time by which the entire State would be given 100 per cent AIR/DD coverage; and

(c) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (c) : In Karnataka, terrestrial Radio and TV coverage is available to 97.3% and 82.4% population respectively. Subject to the approval and availability of funds with installation of three 10 KW FM Transmitters viz. one each at Gulbarga, Sringeri and Bellary, proposed in the 10th Plan, radio coverage will be increased to 98.75% population in Karnataka.

Areas not covered by terrestrial transmission have been provided with multi-channel coverage with a bouquet of 33 TV and 12 Radio channels through "DD Direct Plus" − free-to-air DTH service of Doordarshan, signals of which can be received all over the country (including Karnataka) except Andaman & Nicobar Islands with the help of small sized dish receive unit.